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## AMENDMENTS

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1. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of dial platform configuration management as recited in claim 14, wherein A method of dial platform configuration management, in which said dial platform comprises at multiple chassis, each of said chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality cards, said cards having at least one modem thereon, comprising the steps of:

selecting an action including downloading code to at least one of said chassis, configuring said at least one of said chassis, and downloading and configuring said at least one of said chassis;

choosing a site at which said at least one chassis is located;

selecting at least one chassis at said site;

placing said at least one chassis at said site in a queue for subsequent execution of said selected action;

executing said selected action;

determining a priority for said selected action, wherein:

said priority is determined by how many chassis are selected; and

if more than five chassis are selected the selected action is given an average priority.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of dial platform configuration management as recited in claim 14, wherein A method of dial platform configuration management, in which said dial platform comprises at multiple chassis, each of said chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality cards, said cards having at least one modem thereon, comprising the steps of:

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selecting an action including downloading code to at least one of said chassis, configuring said at least one of said chassis, and downloading and configuring said at least one of said chassis;  
choosing a site at which said at least one chassis is located;

selecting at least one chassis at said site;

placing said at least one chassis at said site in a queue for subsequent execution of said selected action;

executing said selected action;

determining a priority for said selected action, wherein:

said priority is determined by how many chassis are selected; and

if five or less chassis are selected and the selected activity is not to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum, said selected action is given a highest priority.

18. - 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A system for managing the configuration of a dial platform as recited in claim 28, wherein A system for managing the configuration of a dial platform comprising:

multiple chassis, each of said chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality cards, said cards having at least one modem thereon;

a server through which an action can be selected, said actions including downloading code to at least one of said chassis, configuring said at least one of said chassis, and to download and configuring said at least one of said chassis;

said server maintaining a queue of said actions to be performed at sites where said multiple chassis are located throughout said platform;

said queue having the ability to initiate said selected actions during a maintenance window during which use of said platform is at a minimum, wherein:

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said selected actions are prioritized;said priority is determined by whether said selected actions are to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum; andif more than five chassis are selected for a selected action, said selected action is given an average priority.30. (Currently Amended) A system for managing the configuration of a dial platform as recited in claim 28, wherein A system for managing the configuration of a dial platform comprising:multiple chassis, each of said chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality cards, said cards having at least one modem thereon;a server through which an action can be selected, said actions including downloading code to at least one of said chassis, configuring said at least one of said chassis, and to downloading and configuring said at least one of said chassis;said server maintaining a queue of said actions to be performed at sites where said multiple chassis are located throughout said platform;said queue having the ability to initiate said selected actions during a maintenance window during which use of said platform is at a minimum, wherein:said selected actions are prioritized;said priority is determined by whether said selected actions are to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum; andif five or less chassis are selected and the selected activity is not to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum, said selected action is given a highest priority.